GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:166
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CRASH IN INTERNATIONAL CRUDE OIL PRICES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the crash in international oil prices of crude below $ 21 per barrel mark has given boost to the Indian oil economy;

(b) if so, whether it has helped in reducing the oil import bill;

(c) if so, the extent to which it has reduced the import bill of oil; and

(d) the extent to which Indian Oil Pool deficit has been recovered?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 166 FOR 29.11. REGARDING CRASH IN INTERNATIONAL CRUDE OIL PRICES.

(a) : Decline in the crude oil prices in the international market helps in reducing the oil import bill, the oil pool deficit and the consumer prices of decontrolled products.

(b)&(c): Decline in the prices of crude oil and petroleum products in the international market has a favourable impact on the oil import bill. The decrease in crude prices by one US doller per barrel for a month reduces the oil import bill by around Rs. 260 crore.

(d): The decrease in the crude price by one US doller per barrel for a month reduces the oil pool deficit by around Rs. 200 crore.